

As the owner of an IT Services Company, an open and level Internet is REQUIRED for my business to function. One reason, my company can compete with much larger competitors is the open nature of the Internet. There is absolutely no benefit of a "fast lane and hyper speed lane" for anyone but a handful of large telecom companies.

—David Wieda, Woodstock, GA

Please stop making life harder for your customers.

—Eric Pranausk, Idyllwild, CA

I support net neutrality. A multi- tiered system is inherently undemocratic.

—Brian H Purnell, Walla Walla, WA

Keep the internet the way it is now. It's not broken so it doesn't need fixing. Please work on getting the internet to work faster as it is without pandering to the big players. Ralph Dobson

—Ralph Dobson, NEW BERN, NC

WE, citizens of the World and of the World Wide Web, require that you listen to us all, and keep our equality rules as they are: DO NOT make possible different levels of access, DO NOT split the only still democratic and equalitarian community! Please keep Net Neutrality

—Veronique Simar, Tuchen, NY

There are too many gatekeepers already. We absolutely do not need any on access to the internet. Net neutrality is crucial to innovation and competition.

—Linda Tanner, West Park, FL

Some of you may recall the promise of cable tv -- if you pay, you will not be subjected to advertising. If you look at your cable bill today and you look at cable advertising, you know what corporate promises are made of. Tele-corporations you also know are only out to maximize their profits. Your opportunity to do the right thing may never present itself again and will greatly impact the lives of those seeking only to survive. The internet is too important to too many to lose. Unless the FCC adopts an outright BAN on fast lanes, the cycle of corporate greed and consumer grief will continue. You are held responsible. /s/

—Jm Li, Shreveport, LA

Dear Chairman Wheeler; We KNOW that you have been the fox guarding the hen house, we know you could give a flying F*** about net neutrality, but we don't give a crap about you keeping your job nor about the wealth of Verizon, Comcast, or Time Warner. We do not want Cable companies dominating the internet and turning it into a two tier playground for themselves. And if you don't stop this, you will never hear the end of it. We will strike back and you can bet you will never hear the end of this.

—Lisa Renee Ragsdale, Minneapolis, MN

Net neutrality might be the last vestige of Democracy giving equal access to the Internet. Tom Wheeler spent his career representing cable monopolies. He does NOT have the interest of ordinary Americans proven by the ease with which he's willing to cast aside what he is mandated to protect. Shame on President Obama for appointing an industry insider to his post. I am absolutely opposed to Mr. Wheeler's proposal which would give cable giant monopolies greater, faster access & use of the Internet. All Americans deserve equality in access, speed, ability to use the Internet. Effectively the Internet IS a public utility & should NOT be under a corporate lackey's management. When will our government start enforcing it's own well thought out, well fought for, rules against monopolies.

—e Johnson, Oakland, CA

Please don't give so much power to the ISPs. I do not want to see the end of Net Neutrality.

—Irene Recker, San Diego, CA

I hope you realize that you are also discriminating against the disabled. I am disabled and can not get around as easily as before becoming disabled. The internet provides much needed services and entertainment! Your proposed rules would eliminate accessibility to many services and entertainment!

—Jeanne Govoni, Middleboro, MA

To safeguard the interests of the American people you must reclassify ISPs as common carriers -- to do otherwise is to create a tyranny of information control, where only the interests of those that control the Internet will be recognized and enacted. The constitutional right to "Freedom of Speech" is abrogated by giving control of access and content to corporations that have a monopoly on control over the flow of information across the Internet. Likewise, Equal Protection under law requires equal access to essential resources -- the Internet is an essential resource now... you can't fill our government forms, apply for unemployment, etc. without access to the Internet. Giving a few corporations the ability to hold the Internet hostage for their own profits denies access to many, especially those who are not wealthy. It also imposes an unfair and unrealistic burden on the rest of the companies that don't have this stranglehold on our ability to communicate with each other. It is not only morally and legally wrong, giving control of the Internet to a few designated companies is a clear example of 'favoritism' that smacks of corruption. We the American people, and even most other large companies will fight this sort of corruption every step of the way. This country and the Internet doesn't belong to you--it belongs to US--All of us--and the attempt to give control, price-fixing, and throttling of our information conduit to a few companies seeking to establish themselves at the top of the information oligarchy violates the intent and the letter of our constitutional law. Let me reiterate: To safeguard the interests of the American people you must reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Doug Sheresh, Skamokawa, WA

Because we are already being ripped off by Comcast, Time Warner, Verizon and AT&T...with our government's help. We are already being charged in a ridiculous manner and these companies "provide" horrible "service". How the current situation has been allowed to happen is bad enough...but the future is in jeopardy if "Net Neutrality" is changed and these thieves are allowed to run rampant...the cable companies are bullies.

—Helen Rogers, New York, NY

PLEASE DO NOT incorporate a multi-tier internet, because the point of the internet is how beautifully level it is. ANY advances in technology ought to be shared with the masses, not fucking hoarded away like Egyptian treasure, only given to those with enough money to afford them. Keep the internet neutral!

—Richard Schneider, Bellingham, WA

The Internet should be a space where everyone should be able to research whatever they want online without fear of their privacy being exploited by anyone, commercial companies *or* Governments.

—Jennifer Matheson, Belleville,

Please don't let Verizon and Comcast shake down the internet. The net does not need fixing. Preserve real net neutrality.

—D G, porterville,, CA

Any change to net neutrality will adversely affect the US's competitiveness and innovation in this crucial field! Do not side with the need for large corp to make more profits while stifling the digital economic engine the internet is. Its importance of it in today's economy is the equivalent to electricity during the last century - it's the life blood of all industry's. The largest job and wealth creators in the US over the last 10 years has been internet innovation; Google, eBay, Amazon, fb and hundreds of smaller companies - stack that up against the cable co and the numbers are telling!! Do not jeopardize a bright future. Willy

—Willy Aenlle, altadena, CA

I'm on a low fixed income, and cannot afford to have to pay more for my Internet service than I already do. Dividing up Internet service between those who can pay for high-speed Internet and those who can't is discriminatory and unjust in the extreme. If net neutrality is not restored, believe me, I am voting only for those who support it this next election and the one after. This is one more example of how the current administration is trying to set the haves and the have-nots at war with each other by making the latter hate the former for taking away the sort of Internet service that is worth anything. Thank you so much for doing what you can to destroy net neutrality.

—Yael Dragwyla, Seattle, WA

The freedom of the internet is contingent on OPEN access. That access, once monetized, will not be open and equal.

—Tracy Griswold, Bronxville, NY

http://act.freepress.net/letter/internet_fcc_nprm_oliver/?t=1&akid=4797.9190427.TrTXXR

—James Brown, Dayton, OH

I have written before and I am writing again. OPEN INTERNET is extremely important to me as a physician to keep up with latest advances in medicine and as a citizen to be well informed about issues that concern my community, my city, my county, my state and my country.

Absolutely no way two tiered system is acceptable.

—Rupa Shah, Froest Park, IL

we need the net to stay free so stuff like this keeps going viral. we need to see our right of freedom of speech be protected. we need to be able to tell the world what to do to change things. we need the www to make the human race understand that we are one. we need to see our human right to free information protected. we need to see the USA to be the land of the free (in that case internet) otherwise you will wake something in every freedom loving human you want to stay asleep ... and we are many ... much more than you.

—Patrick Seletzky, Tübingen,

Keeping the Internet Neutral is essential for a truly free market.

—Lory Keller, sylmar, CA

Because I am reliant on the freedom in the internet as is the future of commerce, thought-freedom and the basis of society as we will know it--please ensure real Net Neutrality.

—Joshua Courteau, Seattle, WA

Do not throw away the net neutrality that has allowed the internet to be the bastion of free speech and entrepreneurial spirit that it has been for almost two decades now. America already has to deal with some of the most expensive, least reliable internet in the world. There is no bigger or more ubiquitous dead weight on our economy and the typical consumer than these ISPs who already enjoy monopoly status, and face no real competition from "local" providers who manage to be even slower and often less reliable than the behemoths that we already hate.

Preserve net neutrality, and do not capitulate to the companies who already hold back our economy and extort consumers for (quantifiably) terrible service on a daily basis. May Google Fiber, or some other new, not-evil ISP save us all.

—Mitchell Rubin, Santa Cruz, CA

These are common carriers they should be regulated as such. The 2-tiered system hurts our first amendment rights by limiting availability to high speed internet that all oecd countries currently enjoy. We already see this with cable companies and their "premium" stations. All ideas should be available to all Americans regardless of income.

—Elaine Horal, Waialua, HI

The new proposed rules are nothing more than a wolf in sheep's clothing. They are designed to give Big Money the edge so that competition is destroyed. All your protestations to the contrary are absolute nonsense, and you know it. The proposed rules will not preserve even a semblance of Net Neutrality. NO ... NO ... NO to the proposed rules. The internet is a Public Utility ... Declare it to be that.

—Patrick Smit, Coos Bay, OR

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—W F. Noble, BOSTON, MA

Net Neutrality is The last frontier of freedom. PLEASE don't mess with the internet. Lives are at stake. Really.

—Maria Schafer, Granite Springs, NY

There is no justifiable reason to allow providers to control throughput. None.

—James Sander, Austin, TX

It's time to put an end to corporate greed and welfare!

—Dennis P. Finn, Greig, NY

Net Neutrality is fundamental to an innovative economy and grassroots democracy. ISPs should not be the gatekeepers of the internet picking winners and losers based on the fees they try to collect.

—John Seakwood, New Lebanon, NY

Everyone has a voice. Everyone has equal say on what works and what does not in a democratic society. Corporations do not represent the voice of America. They can't be the only voice heard. This is why Net Neutrality is important. It gives everyone a voice!

—John F Lamb, Sierra Madre, CA

Internet must be for all in equal conditions!

—Paula Serraller, Hondarribia,

Net neutrality is democracy at work. Allowing already extremely wealthy corporations to make more money off something that is not theirs is completely inappropriate. We need to maintain some semblance of what our country was when it was great, and not keep plowing into more greed and fiasco.

—Mr. Paul Black, Evergreen, CO

As an internet user who lives on a fixed income, I would like the internet to stay the way it is. I would be one of those who cannot afford the "fast lane" type of connection. There is already inequality in this country and we don't need or want it on the internet. It's already irritating to have so many advertisements. I would hate to see that I have limited choice in what I want to look at on the internet. I also like the fact that we can start businesses in a fair way. What is wrong with having competition? That is the way this country got to be the way it is. Don't change the internet with rules that would make people even more unequal. As the saying goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Leave the internet alone.

—Jennifer Armstrong, North Pole, AK

Net Neutrality was one of the founding principles of the internet and there is a reason it was. Ending Net Neutrality would allow those few cable companies to expand an already ridiculous monopoly into letting them force companies to pay in order to have quality speed. This not only is unfair but also will have devastating effects on those companies who cannot afford to pay cable companies fees.

—Ben Milgram, Cooper City, FL

Real Net Neutrality is important to me because if it is undermined then the consumer will be the ones who pay for it in the long run and we will pay for it many times over, not only for the service of having the internet, but as additions to the other services such as gaming and video streaming services. Furthermore, it threatens to entrench an oligopoly in terms of internet businesses.

—Marixa Perez, Union, NJ

Equality and freedom of communication are more important than money.

—Margaret Evans, St Petersburg, FL

I support a free and open internet.

—Joe Buhowsky, San Ramon, CA

In no way can I support a corporate lobby intrusion into what has been a world expanding and innovative tool for creative and the not so creative minds. For young people across the globe it has been second nature to supplement what we all agree is an anemic public education for many. The internet has leveled the educational and social world of most of us and sparked innovations, the very kind of which a bunch of aging corporate thinkers are attempting to control and squeeze the last dime out of. It is sickening to imagine the loss of this tool as it is now, without the interference this "fix" which will actually "break" the internet experience for everyone who uses internet for more than email and their garden newsletters. What have we come to? First, filtering and intrusion into our internet privacy and, now this! If ever Occupy, Libertarians, Independents, Conservatives (not bought), Liberal Lefties and the Tea Party (the original version) and thinking Americans could agree on government overreach, this is a good example.

—Caro Harrison, Huntsville, TX

Separate is never equal! We need a truly neutral internet, not one where some are allowed to pay to get priority over other users. After all, consumers are already paying a lot more for poorer service than exists in many other countries.

—Randall Nerwick, Portland, OR

Please protect us. Keep the internet free. It belongs to the people, not the corporations.

—Denny Genovese, Gainesville, FL

A two tiered system is wrong and the FCC must pass a plan that allows net neutrality to continue a free and open internet.

—David English, Tillamook, OR

Net Neutrality is essential for a truly free and democratic society

—Fouad Hafiz, Burnaby, NJ

We live in an information age, and world citizens have the right to get the information they need from unbiased sources. Corporations are NOT citizens, despite what the Supreme Court may think, and we citizens should have our rights protected.

—Ms. Linda A. Heath, Senecaville, OH

How would you like your phone service to only work when phone traffic was light or when the big paying users were not talking?

—Tim Mommers, Brownfield, ME

once again the ordinary citizen has to let the ex- lobby figure out that the whole people of the united states want an open internet for all . why is it that these cable company's are never satisfied with being given an opportunity to provide services to the american masses and make a profit, they want more and more and more. the internet should be for everyone and at the same speed regardless how much money you enjoy. stop this insanity before its to late.

—Robert H McCartney, desoto, MO

Net Neutrality is nothing more than a money making move for those that can afford it. We loose our suppose freedom with it.

—JC Bower, Sumner, WA

The vitality of our country depends upon ample public commons, including channels for entirely free speech. Honor our founders' free speech intentions: Declare the Internet a public utility and treat it as one! If you will react to vulgarity and vitriol, you will have it in other messages from me.

—Stephen G Schoggen, Little Silver, NJ

We have enough monopolies in communication ... save the net ... throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Steve Irwin, Melbourne Beach, FL

A neutral internet is ESSENTIAL for keeping access available and equal for everyone. And the only way to ensure that it stays that way, is to regulate it like a common carrier. PLEASE do exactly that, and keep the internet free from classes, levels, and hierarchy.

—Steven Meissner, San Diego, CA

I'm going to be starting an online business within the next two months. If I'm stuck in a slow lane of the internet because I don't have the money to pay to be in the fast lane, the chances are that my business will never get off the ground and will fail. I think the AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon have a big enough slice of the pie. Quit being so greedy and leave some for the rest of us!

—Ms. Rose Riker, Sioux City, IA

The free internet is crucial for a democracy. Everyone should have equal access - that is a democratic principle.

—Shantara Sandberg, Boise, ID

Net neutrality is central to the idea of a democracy and equal access to information and fair practices in providing content.

—Kelly McConnell, Portland, OR

One of the core economic responsibilities of the federal government is to encourage competition and innovation. If you let Net Neutrality die, you will be showing just how corrupt the system is in a way that might just spark a revolution. Choose your actions wisely.

—Alex Sheive, Las Vegas, NV

Net neutrality is absolutely essential for Democracy and for getting small businesses off the ground !

—Douglas Waldroop, Landover, MD

Mr. Wheeler, Instead of hawking ways to line the pockets of large ISP's and slowing down the information highway it would be more beneficial to the American public to reclassify all ISPs as common carriers to motivate real competition and a free market for internet providers.

—Howard Shapiro, Portland, OR

I don't think that any company should have the power to discriminate against online content or applications. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers

—Ms. Lucretia OToole, Hueytown, AL

Our government is plutocracy! Our politicians are beholden to corporations like Verizon and Comcast, which is why Obama appointed Tom Wheeler "former" lobbyist for the cable telecommunication industry as the chairman of the FCC. If you think that "we the sheeple" are naive enough to believe that you want to explore net neutrality for the benefit of the citizens of the US, you are full of sh/t. Our present internet is the only example of true equity and the FCC is a shill for Comcast and Internet providers that are a greater threat to our supposed democracy than Al Qaeda ever was.

—Jerry Giefer, Windom, MN

We need a leveled playing field. The Internet needs to be truly open, and accessible to all. The exchange of ideas, is important to solve problems, and we have vast oceans of challenges, in all areas of the human experience, which would benefit from the free flow of ideas. Strengthen Net Neutrality!

—Ricardo A. Gomez, Denver, CO

Dear FCC Commissioners: Did anyone at the FCC go to law school? Are you just clueless, bullied by neocon/neolib elites, or completely corrupt? This is NOT an issue that anyone should need to be worried about. Would you want newspapers at two prices, with the wealthy getting clear copies and the average citizens getting copies in fine print? Would you let cable companies slow down video speed on television shows for the poor? Like John Oliver said, this is not about some vague idea of "net neutrality," but about Cable monopolies screwing over the average person and creating an Internet that is advantageous for those who can afford to pay a higher ransom to the cable companies. The FCC should be ashamed of this corrupt, outrageous proposal. There are plenty of serious areas in which elites and big corporations have infiltrated and corrupted regulatory processes, but the FCC takes the cake. FCC is charged with protecting our communications media, which are necessary if we are to return to some semblance of being an informed and empowered democracy. Please take some smelling salts and wake up from the delusional, oligarchy in which you live. The FCC should reclassify Internet Service Providers as they always should have been - COMMON CARRIERS. Best wishes, Earon Davis, JD, MPH

—Earon Davis, Bloomington, IN

information is democracy, yo

—Ian Murray, Lindsay,

For a better country, with true freedom and liberty for all. Support our people not special interests,

—Carolyn Lilly, San Diego, CA

As an independent voice, and small business person, as a blogger and web services manager, I require equal access to the Internet as a common carrier. For the health and vitality of a functioning democracy, for an open avenue for all voices, as well as an open and fair market for all levels of business enterprise, the network must remain part of the commons on an equal and neutral basis. The FCC must not also stifle future innovation or curtail free market competition in the marketplace by setting up roadblocks, or throttling internet speeds on behalf of a handful of non-competitive players in the network.

—Stephen Jones, Las Cruces, NM

The internet needs to be a utility.

—Robert Cowick, Yorba Linda, CA

No more power in the hands of a few! Mr. Wheeler, your previous job makes me wonder how you can be objective. I hope you will do the right thing but I doubt it!! Shame on you and shame on this country for even allowing this issue to appear!!!

—Jim Shahan, Oak Park, CA

Net neutrality should be a right we as customers have once we pay for the service.

—Eduardo Delgado, Brooklyn, NY

DO NOT pass the dumb-ass rules you are contemplating!

—Dr. Gary Adelson, Kingsport, TN

For God's sake. For once just do the right thing. Preserve Net Neutrality.

—George L Huber, Shingle Spgs., CA

FUCKING GROW A PAIR OF BALLS AND STAND UP FOR YOUR CITIZENS FOR ONCE YOU PIECES OF SHIT. THIS IS DISGUSTING

—Brandon Gutierrez, Glendora, CA

The FCC should throw out its rules and declassify ISPs as common carriers. Why are we getting screwed by the FCC? We are really getting it by the so called 1% like the Koch brother as they are taking over the world with their money and we are letting them.

—Beatrice Kreloff, New York, NY

I am retired. I rely on the Internet for important information about my country and the whole world. I rely on it to petition worthwhile causes and to give direction to my government representatives. I rely on it for education, which keeps my brain young and healthy. I rely on it for social networking to keep in touch with distant family and friends. I rely on it for shopping. Please keep Net Neutrality!!

—Joanne W Norris, Saint Paul, MN

As a Texan and artist I understand that you want and a need to own everything but the Internet is not yours. Get your hands off of it. Gene Elder San Antonio

—Mr. Gene Elder, San Antonio, TX

Stop expediting corporate monopoly. Defend Net neutrality.

—Jesse Bost, Anderson, IN

John Oliver nails it in his brilliant editorial on net neutrality. There is so much corruption in media these days on all sides that it's actually a travesty that we're even thinking of legitimizing letting Comcast and Time-Warner merge. For whose benefit, the publics? Not a chance. It's to just line the pockets of the 1% media giants that already have corrupted our democracy and control almost everything we read and hear.

—Steve & Sharon Binder, oxnard, CA

Net neutrality only leads to absolute control, higher costs and monopoly based corporations. Can there be improvements, yes...but the internet was designed as a free movement of information on a global scale. Governments don't like their citizens thinking freely and holding them accountable to their promises of times gone by. They want your vote, support and money, anything contrary to that is undesirable. Corporations want you to buy their products, anything contrary to that is undesirable. Both of which want to know your habits and whereabouts so they can better target their products and rig their perspective markets. If you are in question of where that gets you, take a good close look at the mess we are in today. We, the people who create the majority of the content available on the internet are being treated like a parasites host, being sucked dry of every creative bit of self, we are being culled verbally by all these entities. What I say in confidence to another person is OUR business, not anyone else's for any reason. Need I remind people that we hold the power, it is our hard work, our creativity, our dollar that allow these authoritarians to thrive. The free market regulates itself and when it comes right down to it, no one should have absolute power to regulate the content or availability to the internet for it would be ripe with corruption. We are a free thinking people, and so should be our #1 means of communicating worldwide. Everything the government tries to control ends up costing tax payers more while providing less. You want a government suppressing people's freedoms, I suggest you move to China, their "values" have no place in the United States. We have a first amendment which many have died and suffered for. Trying to take away any of these rights at this point is wrong and frivolous, quite frankly people will not stand for it, nor should it be something anyone is seriously considering. It is wrong on a multitude of levels.

—Jurgen Hesselbach, North Port, FL

So . . . according to the Supreme court, money is free speech. According to corporate America, our congress should put their profits ahead of our citizens. Now, the great experiment in democratic communication is about to fall into the hands of those who want to make a profit on it . . . And you, the FCC, created to keep communication functioning equally for all of us, are considering letting telecommunications mega corporations determine access according to wealth. When they look back on this shameful era, they will wonder how capitalism was allowed to destroy democracy!

—Richard Armour, Mansfield, MA

Net Neutrality is a disgrace to Americans and is nothing more than companies trying to make more off Americans even though we are still in a "recovery". With the market being as lucrative as it is and certain monopolies being completely obvious (Comcast and verizon) this will be a move in the wrong direction. We can not allow companies with such piss poor public relations to have this much power over something we've been forced to pay far too much for as it is.

—Randy Wingate, Lansdale, PA

Dear FCC; As an end consumer, I'd like to stress my desire to see net neutrality remain intact, with all internet traffic treated equal. As this is critical to both competition and innovation, I strongly urge that the FCC classify ISPs as common carriers, or institute like legislation that would guarantee all Internet traffic be treated equally. I offer these comments not just as an end consumer, but as someone who started the first ISP in Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties (Wisconsin) back in the mid-1990s, and as someone who worked for GTE-Internetworking, providing wholesale internet services to major new domestic and international accounts that included: BBC Online (UK), Sunrise Communications (Switzerland), Teledanmark (Denmark), SingAREN, Cerbernet (UK), VBCnet (UK), Stealth.net, New York Internet, Calyx Internet, and Digital Telemedia. Finally, I bring a unique perspective to this argument, having also spent over 5 years working as a Vice President at Comcast. I offer these views as an informed citizen who believes strongly in net neutrality, a citizen who understands both the technological positions, as well as the business positions from the cable & telco giants. I welcome the opportunity to make further comments in requested to do so. Regards, Theodore Vincent Lango Woodstock, GA

—Theodore Vincent Lango, Woodstock, GA

An open internet is the best way to promote new and better ideas, and improve the world for all.

—Warren McFarland, San Pablo, CA

Freedom of speech and internet is crucial. We have all sold out too quickly in the past, we need to think that it is equality that is at stake. Money buys virtually everything but please let us stop selling the internet to the highest bidder.

—Dee Royce, Cromer,

Net Neutrality allows equal access to all websites and web services. Anyone, I mean anyone can start their own website/service and make it accessible to anyone with internet access. Just like any other website/service can today in it's present form - this promotes fresh ideas and progress toward the future development of the internet. Remove Net Neutrality and your Internet Service Provider could, and lets be honest, will block, at their discretion, whatever websites it didn't want you to access. A good example would be blocking one from accessing competitors' websites. In all likelihood your service provider will purposefully degrade access to certain websites or services they compete with. This monopoly will setup a situation where they will force one to pay for higher access speeds and bandwidth. So you enjoy visiting favorite websites? It could be YouTube, Reddit, you get the idea. How about paying an extra \$5 or even \$10 a month for that privilege. Oh.... you really like that website, well maybe you are willing to pay even more in a few months - the skies the limit with no competition from startups! We need much more competition because this allows third-party providers to access the network and provide their own custom internet services. Presently the lack of competition forces customers into situation where they have only one broadband internet service provider to choose from. Like BELL, Comcast, etc., that is, their local telephone company or if "fortunate" enough they have two providers - wow! Since there is little to no competition it means that at any point in time a solitary service provider begins to violate the principles of Net Neutrality. Customers will be completely powerless since they have limited or no alternative choices for ISPs.

—Livio Finora, Guelph,

Fairness is something that is lost in the USA. It is time for the majority to rule the government's laws in the USA like it is supposed to. , not who pays more!!

—Dale Redington, SLC, UT

Net neutrality is necessary for a healthy democracy and a healthy economy, one in which true competition takes place. As concerned citizens and consumers, we urge the FCC to throw out its latest proposed rules change, which would create a two-tier system, and, instead, take decisive action to classify internet service providers as what they are: common carriers. Please act in the public interest rather than in the special corporate interest of big internet service providers like Comcast and Verizon.

—Thea & Steve Merrill, Los Altos, CA

To the FCC: The Internet belongs to everyone. Please don't give it away to Comcast and Verizon. Thanks for your attention.

—Ian Blecher, Philadelphia, PA

Mr. Wheeler, The proposed changes to the internet are outrageous ! This administration has declared itself in favor of net neutrality and now they are betraying their supporters to hand the cable companies you used to lobby for the internet on a silver platter. NO! NO GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED MONOPOLIES !!!!! We will remember this at election time !!!!!

—Suzanne Gallagher, Robstown, TX

Mr. Wheeler: I have been persecuted, my life next to ruined, by the Scientology cult in RTC v Netcom and the extra-legal--criminal acts--committed by this lethal cult, because some people in Washington DC, (now you), refuse to acknowledge the obvious: The Internet is a common carrier like the phone company; not a publisher! Trying to make it rich personally by creating fast and slow lanes for the monetary benefits of our already-profitable multi-billion-dollar common carriers, is not going to be accepted by Americans, or Netizens worldwide -- no matter what you said in your previous job at chief lobbyist for these corporate thieves. Abandon your attack on Net neutrality, Mr. Wheeler.

Tom Klemesrud

—Tom Klemesrud, Sioux Falls, SD

Do the right thing and assert your authority to RECLASSIFY the internet as a common carrier to enforce strong net neutrality rules.

—Douglas Brzescinski, Marina del Rey, CA

The internet is a beautiful thing that allows open, free communication. It is not broken, don't try to fix it. Don't corrupt or create a new class system that benefits the mega corporations and not the people of this planet. To appoint a former lobbyist to a position of such power would also seem like a really stupid act. Neutrality is in question in so many ways.

—Alesoun Marsden, Sydney,

The Internet should be treated like libraries - namely, available for a nominal and equal price for the public. Please keep the Net neutral.

—Mike Gorczynski, Brookfield, WI

Haven't enough freedoms in life been coopted already? Leave the internet alone.

—Ron Baginski, Cleveland, OH

Keep internet affordable and not give the 1% more power if you don't trust me on this an army will rise and no mortal place will be safe for you every spook will be after your head and you will make the world your enemy!!

—Allan Garcia, Buena park, CA

To whom it may concern, If the United States wishes to continue to be a leader in innovation our economy needs to remain competitive, agile, and adaptable. the best way to do this is to remove as many barriers as possible from new businesses, new ideas, and new methodologies to thrive. In the information age we currently find ourselves in allowing a regime of being able to pay for a higher class of service means that only those well established companies will be able to compete in the modern marketplace. If net neutrality is not upheld then it would cause a real and lasting detriment to our ability to remain competitive and relevant in the modern world

—Ari Goldstein, Seattle, WA

The internet is the PEOPLE's medium. Don't give corporations preferential treatment.

—Kathleen Maher, Ocean, NJ

Because ditching net neutrality will not only encourage more monopolies in the cable business, but will also reduce innovation and encourage more monopolies in any industry that depends on the internet.

—Esteban Manchado Velázquez, Oslo,

I'm a photographer, I'd like to upload large quantity of images to my online service provider , Galleries prints etc... Instead I have to send them by mail for the reason that my internet DSL connection is too slow, (5kbps). I can't afford the faster services. Please keep the internet free and neutral for all of us to benefit. Thank you

—Gerard Lion, Petaluma, CA

We need to keep at least channel open for non-censored information. As Noam Chomsky states, there is no democracy where there is no free speech.

—Bette Lamore, Creston, CA

Net Neutrality is crucial to prevent corrupt businesses like Comcast and Time Warner from further shaking down citizens. The fact that Tom Wheeler was an ex lobbyist for them makes me sick to my stomach. Cronie Capitalism at it's finest. We need to treat internet companies like common carriers on all issues rather than just when it is convenient for them for tax purposes.

—Charles Bremer, Fredericksburg, TX

Prevent cable company FUCKERY! Keep the internet open.

—David Katz, Westminster, CO

Stop the selling of America to Corps, it is destroying Democracy, and the Internet is democracy for the world...

—Paul Brounstein, WALNUT CREEK, CA

Vital. FCC, you have failed us for many years.

—Ej Emmons, Crestline, CA

The level playing field represented by the internet as it stands, without increased tariffs for preferential throughput, is the last bastion of fair competition in North America. With few exceptions, commerce is increasingly dominated by major companies with ample money to use to buy the kind of government, and regulations, which will make them the most profit. There is nothing about that which promotes true capitalism, or which preserves the important role of fair competition in the marketplace. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to preserve the last home of the American dream.

—Caleb Cullen, Houston, TX

It should be important to everybody. Why should those with money determine which web sites get priority? It is definitely unfair to those without much money.

—Robin Patten, Oklahoma City, OK

We're already controlled by the 1% through our government ... this is just another discrimination against those of us in the middle tax bracket who shouldn't have to pay extra fees for fast lanes. We're in our 70's and thoroughly enjoy our Netflix streaming programs - we would likely have to cancel it if Net Neutrality is lost to us.

—Karen Arndt, Kanab, UT

FCC must classify ISP cable companies as common carriers. Anything else is a failure of public trust and a give away to bigger monopolies.

—John Walling, Seattle, WA

Hey FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's the right thing to do!

—Ron Thompson, Seaside, CA

The internet is a free, open place. If Net Neutrality dies, that freedom will die with it. So pull your heads out of your asses and keep net neutrality alive!

—Xandar Miller, Bradley, IL

I don't like having to pay more to my provider to access certain content at the same speed as everything else.

—John Wolfe, BELLEVUE, WA

Keep the internet free. Don't end Net Neutrality.

—Kevin Lozaw, San Anselmo, CA

We cannot let big companies like At&T, Verizon and Comcast CONTROL the internet for their own profits. We need internet that is affordable for everyone, everywhere. Please protect net neutrality for we the people.

—Carol rolf, Colville, WA

We should have an internet for everyone not just the wealthy!! Once again, other countries are ahead of us on this. You want to make it slower for those of us not being able to afford to pay off the huge companies.

—Jane A Roberts, Delavan, WI

Net neutrality is the one way left where real equality can be achieved. Where anyone can go online and learn, create, grow, publish . Maybe turn into something larger than they expected. Maybe create something that would benefit us all. At least create something that would benefit many. A tiered internet lets the big guys win again. Maybe for the last time, as they would then control all the media...A loss for democracy and innovation.

—B Aronson, Somerville, MA

I do not want my information provided by the highest bidder. That is why television has more ads than real content, and went from being touted as a great 'educational tool' to the brain-rottingly trite inanity it is now. Believe me, money has enough influence as it is. We are inundated with ads on all our videos, our search engines favor those who pay more. Monopolizing corporations seek to control the debate on important issues like the environment to minimize the opinions to their rampant greed and environmentally backward policies. Letting them control our information and access to alternate ideas not only homogenizes opinion, and stifles debate, it makes competition stagnate, and ultimately hurts our country's ability to compete globally. DO NOT SELL US OUT!!

—David Kline, Lake Worth, FL

The consumer loses if Net Neutrality is lost!!! Quit pandering to the large telecoms. Net Neutrality must be maintained! You fox, Tom Wheeler, get out of our hen house! Work instead in making telecoms provide more to consumers, more speed and more content, at no increase in cost. A little less profit for the telecoms perhaps, but too bad. We, the consumers, do not need a two-tiered Internet resulting in higher fees for better service and most certainly higher fees and slower service for those that can not afford the higher tier. These companies did not invent the Internet!

—Ronald E. Kaufman, Spokane, WA

The net is nothing without neutrality, meaningless.

—Martina Navratilova, vancouver,

Get rid of the current rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Johanna Cummings, Rochester, NY

Keep the internet free. Don't end Net Neutrality.

—Catherine Lozaw, Wayne, NJ

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible !!!!

—Frank Wagner, Kirkville, NY

It's about time the general public is credited with enough sense to distinguish the FCC's attempt at massive monitoring and discrimination from the essential freedoms to communicate via an open and unencumbered internet.

—Barbara Moore, Bethlehem, PA

I believe that the Internet should be classified under Title II as a common-carrier telecommunications service and without any further attempts to undermine this with ambiguous terms like "commercially reasonable" that create loopholes that can be exploited. The Internet should not operate with fast and slow lanes and nor should companies like Comcast extort companies like Netflix for money to deliver their customers what they've already paid for. It is no business of an ISP what a customer does with the data that they purchase from them -- it is only their duty to make sure that that data is delivered. Data is data and should not ever be discriminated against. In fact, it's already being discriminated against now according to Level 3 Communications. (source: <http://blog.level3.com/global-connectivity/observations-internet-middleman/>) In our society, the Internet is required to participate, function, and thrive. It is needed to pay bills as well as for education, communication, commerce, and culture. To destroy this public utility would be a major crime. ISPs have already robbed Americans of more than \$200 billion from the Internet Telecommunications Act of 1996 which made ISPs promise that they would invest in their networks. They haven't (source: http://www.pbs.org/cringely/pulpit/2007/pulpit_20070810_002683.html). Now instead of upgrading (America is woefully behind), companies like Comcast and Verizon hoard their money only so that they may purchase other companies to become even bigger oligopolies all while netting over 90% profit from their customers who have no choice but to pay their outrageous prices. Furthermore, I also believe that Tom Wheeler should resign from the FCC. As a former cable lobbyist, he has no business deciding against the American people in favor of corporations that wield far too much power with their money. With the revolving door system, he'll probably end up working for Comcast or CTIA like former shameful FCC commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker anyway. It was a giant mistake for President Obama to elect such an obvious snake into power instead of somebody who would respect the will of the people like Susan Crawford. The American people will not stand for this disgusting plutocracy.

—Nick Scott, Loveland, CO

Don't allow the service providers, who already are verging on having a monopoly, destroy net neutrality. It will severely hurt start-up businesses.

—Matthew Oliver, Norwood, MA

Net Neutrality is critical for protecting freedom of speech around the world and here in the United States.

—Carol L. Tyler, Bellingham, WA

Don't just be a shill for the big TelComs - try representing what's important for the American people.

—Marv Anderson, San Antonio, TX

It's not right for these corporations to continue buying out all forms of government and politicians. This is pure greed and evil.

—Loretta Martin, Nashville, TN

New neutrality is the closest thing small businesses and startups have to a level playing field against monolithic corporations like Netflix or Amazon. What the FCC is proposing is nothing short of imposing mob rule on the Internet, and companies like Verizon and Comcast are the mobsters. The end of Net Neutrality would mean nothing short than delivering a death blow to the small business owner, as it would create the largest barrier to entry into a competitive market. Point number two. The proposed two tier system would be devastating to the American consumer. Why? Who do you think is going to feel the sting of large corporations having to pay for this "fast lane" Internet? The corporations? Of course not. The corporations will quickly pass those costs down onto the consumer. What the FCC has done with these new proposed rules is nothing short of criminal. The FCC has bought into the lobbyist propaganda, and in turn, America will suffer in a big way if these rules are allowed to be ratified. The FCC needs to do the responsible thing by ignoring the rhetoric, and classifying the Internet and all of its incarnations (ie, ISPs, new and emerging technologies, etc) as common carriers. The Internet is NOT broken; far from it. It is a bustling hub of commerce and communication. What is broken, is a government commission that would take the side of a soulless, thoughtless cancer that holds only one purpose in mind; providing the minimum amount of service for the maximum amount of money. This is not the American dream and such behavior should be severely punished. Not encouraged. Mahalo for your time and consideration. I hope this comment persuades the FCC to make the responsible decision.

—John R. Evans, Hilo, HI

It appears that a bill was recently introduced by Rep Bob Latta (Ohio Republican who received 51K from the cable industry) to block the FCC from reclassifying ISPs as Class II Common Carriers, the very action that would guarantee Net Neutrality. Time to urge the FCC to do just that while they still can.

—Steve Kester, Palm Harbor, FL

RECLASSIFY the Internet as a common carrier so you can do your job on behalf of the public instead of cable giants. Shame on Tom Wheeler (and Obama for appointing a cable lobbyist) for putting cable industry profits over the best interest of the public and a free internet.

—Sally Hampton, Los Angeles, CA

The Internet must be reclassified as a public utility and protected from any discrimination in service to those who don't have deep pockets or cozy relationships with Internet companies. One reliable, fast, and secure Internet for ALL!

—Ms. Elaine Bielefeld, Lowell, IN

Broadband needs to be regulated under Title II because AT&T, Verizon, Comcast and the other cable providers have non compete agreements. I live in Teller county so I can get AT&T's rather lame "high Speed Internet" offering. It's not available in Colorado springs because Comcast owns that market. Several of these vendors want to impose data caps and cripple the internet further. Its past time for Wireless to be regulated under Title III too many companies are taking advantage of the lack of real competition to impose unfair data caps and unreasonably high rates as a result.

—Gerald Robinson, Divide, CO

We need NET Neutrality because every website, blog etc is equally important and should be able to use the internet no matter how small or large it is.

—Nancy Meyers, Higganum, CT

ISPs need to be common carriers. Allowing them to discriminate based on income (which is what ending net neutrality amounts to) is horrible. Access to the internet for everyone allows people to make something better of themselves. It allows for learning, and connection. If we take that away and only allow the people who can afford "good internet" reliable access, we are harming society as a whole. Stop this!

—Alicia Deer, Everett, WA

The internet is where people exercise their rights under the 1st Amendment. Introducing a multi-tier system of access to it guarantees the subversion of what this country was supposed to be about.

—John McPeck, Fairfax, VA

The way things are in the USA, anything can be bought for the right price. We are loosing any sense of democracy i.e. we the people.

—Ann Marie Cunningham, Chicago, IL

It is important to allow the people the freedom of access to our internet, not the corporations to run rampant and restrict access to sites they do not support. Support the people, not businesses out to line their pockets.

—Adam, Hudson, NH

The Internet is NOT broken, and so there's no need to "fix" it, for to fix it would be to put in into the pockets of the corporations, whose unbridled greed is second only to that of bankers. Get rid of your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We will not stand for provider corporations further controlling our opportunities and lives through the enabling muscle of government agencies.

—Robert Brown, Rochester, NY

The biggest service providers should not give preference to those who can afford extra fees. It's what the biggest players want and for some reason think they deserve. But the Internet is serving everyone now and should continue to do so. The Internet should remain a level playing field, with no bonus service given to the rich just because they have the most marbles.

—Nancy Bishop, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is crucial to the free-flow of communications. Allowing megacorporations to control the Internet would mean that the FCC has surrendered its regulatory power in favour of achieving another step backwards for the U.S. The U.S is way behind South Korea in internet speed due to the FCC's lack of concern, and the U.S. is currently no. 8 in fastest speeds. This is due to the FCC not taking action to free up the market but instead to allow consolidation of megacorporations.

—James Twiford, Beverly Hills, CA

We need to have equal access and equal speed for everyone, no matter if they are rich corporations or a broke blogger. All data had to be treated EQUALITY.

—Susan Oehler, Asheville, NC

Net neutrality is important to me first and foremost because at some point a line has to be drawn to stop the corporate takeover of everything that is citizen centric. Stop the oligarchic machine!

—Steven Wiese, Minneapolis, MN

ISP's have their bottom lines at heart, not the best interest of the country. They need to be reclassified as common carriers.

—Mr. Hanz Franzki, Provo, UT

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.

—Stacie Charlebois, SEBASTOPOL, CA

Don't let Internet Service Providers double dip by charging customers And then charging content providers again to use their service. Amazon, NetFlix, and Apple already pay for Internet service. They shouldn't have to pay everyone else's Internet Service Providers just to insure customers can get to their content. It just doesn't make sense!

—Jody Saige, Goshen, IN

Net Neutrality is hugely important. It keeps from the hands of the media behemoths, the control over peoples information choices. The airwaves, ie, the internet is owned BY THE PEOPLE!! Not these huge multinational corps. that want power over where we go on the net and also to charge us for what WE OWN ALREADY!! ENOUGH!!!

—Tony Beccaccio, Cathedral City, CA

To the FCC: throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISP's as COMMON CARRIERS. I am fed up with the dismal service provided by my local entertainment server OCEANIC CABLE. I want FAIR GROUND and FAIR RULES. I want the big boys to do the right thing and give good service instead of grabbing for more profit.

—Judy Aveiro, Honolulu, HI

AND we mean REAL NET NEUTRALITY, none of your faked stuff! Real Net Neutrality means ... EVERYONE GETS THE SAME SPEED AND ACCESS REGARDLESS OF HOW THEY GOT ON THE INTERNET!

—Wilma E Ralls, Rohnert Park, CA

Equal to all

—Tim Mankowski, New York, NY

I think the mere fact that Tom Wheeler is a "former" venture capitalist and lobbyist for the cable and wireless industry by itself should be reason enough for his immediate resignation on the simple grounds of conflict of interest. The FCC is allegedly the regulatory agency charged with overseeing these very industries and protecting the *public's* interest, not the corporations' interests. As such, he (and other lobbyists in other government positions) should be barred from service. However, as we all know quite well, this is the wretched perverse "Orwellian" state of politics in which we find ourselves, where "war is peace," "freedom is slavery," and "ignorance is strength."

—Gregory Hillis, Santa Barbara, CA

Net neutrality is imperative to all who use the internet. The idea that corporations would have faster access than Americans is not the way that the FCC should treat its own citizens. There should not be a tiered system where corporations are privileged above the needs of Americans.

—Lynn and Roger stapes, Dexter, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me!!!

—Richard Craig, Fairfax, VA

Yet, another LEGAL!!! way to eliminate a HEALTHY COMPETITIVE business market. I strongly oppose it. I oppose that people who should be working for me, to uphold and protect my rights are doing completely the opposite. We pay their paychecks!!! When do people will agree that specific changes are needed. Unless we will see a truthful plan/initiative/implementation to do what they are paid I will vote to elect someone who will listen to what people want and seek a way to truly help them. Definitely no to devious, and dubious new net neutrality rules!!!!

—Bart Habrowski, Stanton, CA

The internet is a public place and should not be controlled by corporations.

—Hillary Szydlowski, West Seneca, NY

The FCC, like many government agencies, is shafting the consumer. The FCC favors the Comcasts, AT&Ts, and other giant telecoms. That's the only explanation for the FCC's recent plan. Those telecoms will take payments from the big payers for fast lane service. Or those telecoms will put favored political parties in the fast lane; disfavored in the slow lane. It's pay to play, a tune of corruption.

—Philip Ratcliff, Salem, OR

You're going to destroy a huge part of the free market.

—Zachary Newhouse, Charlotte, NC

We all deserve equal access to information and to communication, and only net neutrality keeps these things from being stripped from the public in favor of providing information only to the highest bidder. Net neutrality must be preserved.

—Kahlil Goodwyn, Brooklyn, NY

Real net neutrality is crucial to sustain Internet innovation in the U.S. Packets are packets, bits are bits, and like water and electricity should be provided without discrimination, at a fair price, to all citizens of the United States. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers would "destroy" shareholder value in companies such as Comcast and Verizon. However not doing so will destroy the U.S. technological leadership. It's an easy choice. Please throw out the proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Dave LaDuke, Mill Valley, CA

It might -WOULD- end our great public forum.

—Roy Devoe, New York, NY

Monopoly?

—Dr. Michael Rasler, Rancho Cordova, CA

Net neutrality is vital for an open internet, and it is an imperative that the internet remains open. Dividing the internet into 'slow and fast lanes' will have many detrimental effects in the short term (such as hindering start-ups) and disastrous irreversible effects in the long-term. This will set a precedent from which our current state of complete net neutrality will be increasingly eroded - we must never let this happen to the greatest tool for free speech and commerce ever created. It is of the most vital importance that we do everything within our means to fight for net neutrality. The internet is too significant to compromise.

—Luke Desmond, Trowbridge,

The internet must remain a level playing field. This is of the utmost importance for established business, start-up business, and media delivery services. One would not think of prioritizing the delivery of certain television shows. One wouldn't apply differential rates for the delivery of phone calls (are some peoples' calls more important than others?). The flow of information should remain level for all services. After all, I pay for it and I expect my communications, medical information and even my streaming movies to run at optimum speed. Throttling the baseline function to gouge more profit from the same infrastructure is simply wrong and immoral. The FCC is supposed to protect my rights to communication services. Please don't let lobbyists limit my internet capabilities.

—William A Broughton, Mobile, AL

relcThrow out your rules & reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet belongs to ALL of us. Don't let greedy corporations make even more money off us in order to get internet... WE the people have spoken.....

—Sherrie Munday, Boulder, CO

Internet service providers should not be able to slow our use of the internet by having special access. Money shouldn't give them consideration that the rest of don't have.

—Pat Dufau, San Clemente, CA

America seems to be moving backwards where peoples freedom are concerned, Leave the internet alone.

—Firoza Abdulla, Fayetteville, GA

For goodness sake don't play in to the hands of those who want to control everything!!! Throw out those rules and reclassify ISPs on common carriers!

—Gary Beer, bath,

The Internet is a place for everyone to have equal opportunity, and the FCC's proposed rules will destroy that. As a citizen of the Internet, I vote for Net Neutrality.

—Aidan Shafran, Richmond, KY

I think it's obscene to allow corporate interests to have any say about how the internet works. It has become the most important source of news in the world as those interests have corrupted the mass media to the extent that what we get is filtered and biased. At least we currently get to do the filtering ourselves. A functioning democracy absolutely depends on the availability of all points of view to the public.

—Nat Childs, Miranda, CA

Nothing is broken. Nothing to fix. The Internet is the last bastion of any equality. That you would even consider a two-tiered Internet is preposterous. Is absolutely everything in this country for sale?!! Unbelievable...

—Randy Gaffney, Boulder, CO

I don't believe in a one world order ruled by a handful of elites.

—Stella Yfantidis, Singapore, WV

Net neutrality is important because democracy is important. Equal access to the net is democracy in action.

—Frank Driscoll, Meridian, ID

Net neutrality is ESSENTIAL to freedom. It is for EVERYONE, not just those corporations and their lap dogs who wish to ROB the public of their freedom. Expect FIERCE backlash if you choose to kowtow to corporate interests instead of public interest. Shame on you! WHAT the hell were you thinking?! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and STOP further damage by big corporations and quit the fake platitudes. STAND UP for the American people, NOT the corporations.

—Jennifer J. Timmons, Princess Anne, MD

Net Neutrality is EXTREMELY vital to the health of a lawful nation. Having fair and equal access to information promotes education, reduces govt. corruption and strengthens the economy due to online American business transactions. If you impose any measure that decreases neutral internet access in ANY WAY, the ONLY reason you would do that is because you're corrupt as well. DON'T DO THAT.

—Derrick Noble, Lakeland, FL

declare all isp providers as title 2 common carriers No fast or slow lanes in the interent. protect "net neutrality"

—Allan Carroll, Lake City, FL

Because it's unfair to end user and it's unfair to startups, it's just one more way for the isp's to get more money for already shitty service and speeds. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. p.s. Tom Wheeler should step down or be fired due to conflict of interest and being an a\$\$hole.

—Brian Lennox, Vancouver, WA

ISPs need to be classified as COMMON CARRIERS. Forget about any dual or multi-tiered priority provisions. Net Neutrality must be not only preserved, but cast in medical grade titanium.

—Richard A Green, Macon, GA

Mr. Wheeler, The large internet providers you are building this law around already have a tiered system based on how much the consumer is willing to pay. To create a business-side selection process of who they want to sell the service to (and who they don't) is wrong-headed and another way for ATT, et al to create a openly tiered society that discriminates. Shame on you.

—Mr. Don Roy, Frisco, TX

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's important for the sheer fact that it's unfair to people with lower income and that the internet should be free for EVERYONE to use. Also internet companies, the Gov't or ANYBODY should not be able to determine what content I decide to look at. The people should have a right to determine that and no one else.

—Clifford Mickity, Wantagh, NY

A free and open internet is one of the greatest technologies of our time. The innovations sparked from the level playing field provided by true net neutrality have had an immeasurable, positive, impact on the human race. It fosters fresh, creative innovative, thinking. It provides anyone with desire and talent the ability to immediately share their innovations on a global scale. It ensures the individual has just as much of a platform as large corporations. What could be more American than that?

—Jeff Caddel, Phoenix, AZ

We need to reign in the control of monopolistic ISP's and cable companies not create extra layers of billing to see their power grow. You do not have a mandate from the people for these sweeping changes.

—Michael Caines, Boulder, CO

Net Neutrality assures a level playing field for all of us, not just millionaire media moguls.

—Gary Blanchard, Austin, TX

Internet companies must be regulated as soon as they become monopolies. Regulate rip-offs regulated.

—Colin Hermans, Friday Harbor, WA

If you end net neutrality, you will set America back to the 19th century. You will stifle economic growth at a time when job growth is essential to end the recession. You will end free speech in America forever. You have to pay to participate in our government, now you will have to pay to communicate freely. We are moving rapidly toward becoming a third world country. This would be the final nail in the coffin.

—Greg Wallen, Utica, NY

Net neutrality is the ultimate in democratic freedom, and allows everyone to play on a level field-- I believe it is flat out dangerous to our democratic values Not to have net neutrality.

—Doree Christensen, Jerome, AZ

As an entrepreneur and educator, I'm worried about the effects that the PROPOSAL to end #NetNeutrality is already having; MIT: end of net neutrality "is causing... firms to stop funding startups... that rely on fast Internet connections" <http://tinyurl.com/neqdxuo> If net neutrality is ended, it will put America at an economic and educational disadvantage. Don't do it.

—Michael Kelley, Lancaster, NY

Protect the equal access of information!!

—Denise Lussier Yezbick, Detroit, MI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Ms. Ginny Redgrave, Minneapolis, MN

Please keep things equal. Someone has to take a stand about the growing inequality of everything. Information is a good place to start. Now is also a good time to start.

—Suzanne Kuffler, Woods Hole, MA

Without net neutrality, cable companies can and will screw the common consumer over even more than they do now. An open, neutral Internet is the only way to ensure fairness and equality for all users, both on the consumer end and on the website administration end.

—Nicholas Hollander, La Mesa, CA

The internet is a public service media like TV and radio, and like TV and radio needs to be kept fairly and publicly accessible.

—William Rice, Salt Lake City, UT

Allowing corporations and moneyed interests to destroy net neutrality will only worsen the problem of growing (and unconscionable) economic and social inequality, in the US and throughout the world.

—Rachel Whitman, Los Angeles, CA

Is this a democracy or a fcking oligarchy??????

—Marc Burbank, Spring, TX

I strongly urge the government to uphold the current net neutrality laws. No company should be given the power that we are threatening to give to large broadband/cable companies. Please do the right thing.

—Jonathan Casey, Saint Louis, MO

The net works for everyone now and shouldn't be sold out to big corporations.

—John Hughes, Plattsburgh, NY

The Internet should be classified as a Common Carrier!!

—Wayne Burke, Fort Walton Beach, FL

Net Neutrality is important because it provides for democracy to flourish.

—Pat Kirk, Fremont, CA

Net neutrality is an enabler for innovation, entrepreneurs and removing barriers for entering the internet market. Removing that neutrality would be damaging to that and would undermine the very foundation of the internet. It benefits business and the consumers who use it all over the world. It seems quite clear that the majority of consumers are in favour of keeping the net neutral, which is why it baffles me that a few corporations have managed to bribe and lobby to get their own way. Plain and simple its about stifling competition and giving the bigger companies an unfair advantage. In my view no business big or small should be able to buy an advantage, it should purely be the quality of your service or product that differentiates you. Net neutrality needs to remain for the internet to continue to have value.

—Matt Wilkinson, Bedworth,

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jorge De Cecco, Ukiah, CA

The FCC cannot allow a two-tier system - which blatantly discriminates against the American people's right to choose content providers and get reasonably priced, quality telecom service (as is available in other nations) ---- in order to further enrich the monopolistic 'corporate people,' Verizon and Comcast.' --To kowtow to the Chairman Wheeler's industry friends, is certainly NOT in the interest of the public.

—Christine Roane, Springfield, MA

We don't need any more exploiters on the Internet. Preserve net neutrality. The FCC really needs to serve the people and not big cable like Comcast and Time Warner.

—John Wythe White, Haleiwa, HI

Don't you dare end Net Neutrality! I own a small business, but I compete in a global market. The internet is my primary means of reaching my clients, and I benefit immensely by having access to bandwidth at the same rate and speed as my much larger and wealthier competitors.

—Robert Mueller, Kenmore, WA

ISPs should be common carriers, just say no to different tiers on the internet. Every person and every company should have equal access!! And equal speed!!

—J Applegate, St George, UT

The freedom to express, the freedom to write home, the freedom to entertain (which is a form of humanity not a luxury), the freedom to pay a bill, the freedom to find useful information and share it belong evenly in everyones hands. Time warner, Comcast and government need to step back and end the attempts at making the internet a commodity.

—Charity Marchandt, Portland, OR

reclassify

—Ruben Garcia, Lake Elsinore, CA

The entertainment services monopolies must not be allowed to further monopolize the internet, which is far more than an entertainment media. The internet is a modern communications media and must be regulated so that The People and all businesses, large and small, have reliable, trustworthy access to all possible markets and resources. No fast lanes and no slow lanes (no hyper lanes and no fast lanes, to some).

—Tony Greiner, Albuquerque, NM

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Charles W. Ellis, Vinton, VA

The internet does not need to be "fixed" in service of giant cable monopolies. The cozy relationship between Comcast and Time Warner makes me seriously doubt the judgment and integrity of the FCC, and I believe in its mission and believe many ethical people work there. The FCC has a chance to do its job and do the right thing. I believe in Net Neutrality as it is. I strongly object to changes that will give more power to monopolies and corporations.

—Melissa Nurczynski, Philadelphia, PA

It is part of a democracy.

—Edie Pistolesi, Northridge, CA

O want a few and open internet, not filtered or under a corporations control.

—Jonathan Jumper, VANCOUVER, WA

Do not allow commercial entities to decide what private entities are entitled to, as \$\$\$ becomes the motivation for the decision as opposed to the free exchange of information. The spirit of freedom of information is the underlying principle that allows the internet to flourish the way it does. Human creativity and progress will be lost so people with more money can enjoy more freedom than those without. "ALL ANIMALS ARE CREATED EQUAL, BUT SOME ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS" - George Orwell, Animal Farm

—Luke Deenihan, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality(the protection of all data being transmitted equally) is the most pressing issue of the modern day. It is VITAL that the FCC use it's authority to protect a level playing field by not only preventing ISP's from creating a two tier system, but instead reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. The equality of internet access is what has allowed free creativity to result in companies like Facebook, Google, Amazon, and thousands of others establish themselves and grow new markets and entire industries where previously none existed. Some of our large Internet Provider corporations (Comcast, Time Warner) use their virtual monopoly to leverage profits and stall investment in improved technology(such as last mile fiber). Permitting them to slow down content who's owners are not willing to pay an arbitrary premium would be analogous to allowing the mafia free reign on setting arbitrary fees on all roads and highways. NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST!! If these companies want to compete in the free market of providing internet service they've got to play by the rules. And if America wants to compete in a global market we need to keep established the level playing field which has allowed the creativity and innovation which has led to our current leadership position in technology(which is being challenged by foreign innovation). DO NOT ALLOW LARGE CORPORATIONS TO LEVERAGE AND FURTHER ESTABLISH A MONOPOLY POSITION IN IP SPACE!! KEEP THE INTERNET FREE BY REGULATING IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC AND AMERICA BY UPHOLDING THE TENANTS OF NET NEUTRALITY!!! What is really needed is a US Constitutional amendment upholding the principals of Net Neutrality, but that is out of the scope of this policy feedback. You, FCC, have the power to end this 'debate' by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers telecom service under Title II of the Telecommunications Act. Thank you very much for your time, We will all be following closely the actions you take on this critical issue.

—Owen OKeefe, Redmond, WA

This is ridiculous! Stop being MORONS! We need you to protect the internet NOW and stop protecting corporations!

—D Factor, st. Louis, MO

Corporate control is ruining our political system in the U.S. It is ruining the social structure and the economic opportunities of our people. The internet is one place where all voices can be heard equally, where imagination and hard work can become a business opportunity for the common citizen. PLEASE, DO NOT GIVE IN TO FURTHER CORPORATE CONTROL OF THIS NATION.

—Suzan Clausen, San Diego, CA

This is just another push by the telecom/cable giants to squeeze out the little guy. All data is comes down to transporting zeros and ones, so why should Verizon's zeros and ones be more important than mine or any one elses. They are really saying that they want to slow down competitive content providers so that their content will be the most preferred.

—Jim Jane Barry, North Wales, PA

It should be common sense to keep Net Neutrality, remember FCC you are working for the people and this is what most people want!
—Stacy Peterson, Avondale, AZ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect Net Neutrality.
—Barbara Collins, Lawrenceville, NJ

The same reason that air, water, libraries, roads all over the country. Really, must we demand that corporations not become the pimps of the Internet? So democracy has a price, and so do the people we left in charge of it. I guess we'll just have to take it back!
—Prescott H. Paine, Wesley, ME

Net Neutrality is important to me as it is about the only thing left in the USA that is not already bought and sold to the 1%. Changing the rules to what you have suggested will limit access, cost more, cause more inequality in educational opportunities and business opportunities. It "rips off" the 99%. So don't amend to rules to have a two tiered system—it is like segregation. Your "reforms" are unconstitutional.
—Mary Margaret FLynn MD, San Carlos, CA

Back to the first amendment. Freedom of speech, expression, and what-not.
—Alex Pauls, Manchester, IA

Without Net Neutrality, those who hate democracy would win. Information and truth become irrelevancies in an environment where those with the most money control what actually gets heard. It would be the corrupt, bought-off news of the 1890's on Methamphetamine, and no one with less than a few billion dollars would be allowed to intervene.
—James M. Reaume Jr., Munising, MI

If net neutrality is lost, the internet will no longer operate primarily for the citizenry but rather for maximizing the profits the corporations. This is very wrong.
—Andrew Lish, Nashua, NH

When you seize a resource from the possession of those who have developed and used it for a long time, you establish that you are greedy and not egalitarian. It violates fairness, creates enmity, and places an expense and a burden on those who have used and enjoyed it. Expect resentment and disgruntlement. You already have some, but you will have much more if this idiocy is not correctly dealt with.
—Terrell E. Koken, Costa Mesa, CA

A free and open internet is equivalent to free speech. Please help keep our voices heard!
—Maria Morris, Long Beach, CA

FCC: throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Tom Wheeler keeps stating that he is strongly in favor of Internet neutrality, but the proposed rules show that stance to be a sham.
—Kristina Creighton, Granville, VT

The Internet is absolutely perfect the one it is now! Why are we bowing down to these billion dollar corporations that will charge more money which will no doubt be passed on to us...the consumers!!
—Rai Montalvo, Ozone Park, NY

I'm low-income, and I can't afford buckoo bucks just to have high-speed internet. I'm already paying 160.00 as it is. and my bill has already gone up 5 times in the past year.
—Nikkol A Bull, Bangor, ME

By creating fast lane and slow lanes, competition is stifled. We need things equal for competition

—Jacob Blaustein, Eatontown, NJ

There is absolutely no justification for the virtual destruction of the existing net neutrality. LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE! The Net is running the way it was designed to operate, with access to all for the same standard service, regardless of the user's use.

—Ted Kircher, Canyon Country, CA

The internet belongs to the public. It was created by (D)ARPA - federal employees and/or contractors paid by Uncle Sam, i.e., We the People. No one may control it. It is a public good. We the People get screwed over by Big Business, with the aid or indifference of Uncle Sam, far too often. Big Business already exploits it and constrains it. No more! It is your duty to act in the public interest.

—Jerald Vinikoff, Mechanicville, NY

This proposal is a ruling that should not happen! Why does this proposal not violate anti-trust legislation? I support net neutrality. Barbara Barnard

—Barbara Barnard, Birmingham, AL

It's important to me because we can't let greedy companies do this because they want even more money than they deserve. Threatening companies with slower internet connection is not an okay business strategy.

—Ragnhildur Rós Prastardóttir, Njarðvík,

You've heard all the reasons why Net neutrality is important. The question you need to ask yourself is; why does the US population support it and the telecommunications companies hate it? If we still in a democracy, net neutrality will persevere. If we live in a nation where politicians are bought by the highest bidder then net neutrality will die. So who's it going to be, the US citizen or Comcast?

—Juan Sosa, Miami, FL

Net Neutrality seems like the last haven for more balanced news of the world. Without it, we could either plunge into a one-sided agenda or a war between two obviously biased companies.

—Ned Riley, Melbourne,

I do't think there is real freedom of speech in this country when i have to go to free speech t.v. for news. We have speech managed by 6 corporate entities where the print media is concerned. Now there is talk of reducing our internet speech, and I say, PLEASE DON'T DO IT!! It aint broke, so don't fix it.

—Elizabeth R. Hallett, Ashland, OR

The internet in its current form is NOT broken. To approve the proposed rules is in poor judgement, and bad taste. You stand more to lose than gain if you were to approve them.

—Calum Traveler, Golden, CO

As a senior citizen I use the internet a great deal to track down information and learn about current events. Shut-ins, students with disabilities, and loely people who connect with interesting minds which espouse interesting information - we all need access to more than large corporations want to present. We need access to intelligence. Do not deny us access to the lifeblood of our brains, PLEASE.

—Ruth Kantor, CLAYMONT, DE

Internet access must be kept free of monetary regulation. A two-tiered system matching speed of delivery with price paid r delivery would limit access for people unable to pay for the high speed. It would curtail small businesses and the economy that thrives on the internet. I am also aware that the current FCC chairman who will be part of making this decision is the former head of lobbying for Comcast, one of the internet providers pushing for these changes to internet service. Up here in Vermont, we learn pretty quickly that it's best not to send the fox out to watch over the hens.

—Chris Zappala, Brattleboro, VT

Don't put money above innovation.
—Luther Woodard, Allentown, PA

THIS MADNESS MUST END. The internet is merging minds like never before. It doesn't seem like there is an actual problem, which would force you to have to change the way the internet works. Maybe I am just naive, but it seems like the only thing behind this decision is greed and power. My whole generation would be negatively affected if net neutrality was voted against. You gave us the internet, let us keep it.
—Sarah Biklen, Davis, CA

The internet is our free speech, just like the telephone, it's how we communicate, not just a television coming in, it's our speech going out, and it needs to be free and equal. Thank you!
—Val Sanfilippo, San Diego, CA

The FCC's recently proposed "Open Internet" rules would allow ISPs to charge Web sites for priority treatment, creating fast lanes for those who can afford them and slow lanes for everyone else. Under these rules, ISPs could charge Web sites a fee to load in a reasonable length of time. Those Web sites who can afford the fee will load quickly, and those who can't (small-time bloggers, small businesses, independent news outlets) will load so slowly that people will give up and leave their sites. Effectively, this lets ISPs determine what we can and cannot see on the Internet. And it means that prices will rise as businesses that can afford the imposed fees pass the cost on to consumers. So, the new rules would mean higher costs for Web site maintainers and consumers and decreased access to content. Who wins? ISPs like Verizon and Comcast. Our country's economy depends on the Internet. Allowing ISPs to pick winners and losers online effectively places our economy in their hands. The Internet is a public utility, just like telephones and electricity. It needs to be protected like a utility so that everyone has fair and equal access. As an entity charged with protecting the public interest, I am calling on you to do everything in your power to protect the average citizen and small business from "pay-for-play" rules that would prioritize increased profits for a handful of huge corporations over economic recovery and free speech for millions of Americans. We need an economy that doesn't depend on a small handful of billionaires. We need a reliable, fair democratic forum that isn't pay-for-play. We need free speech. We need Net Neutrality. The only way to protect real Net Neutrality for the American people is by reclassifying broadband providers as common carriers under Title II of the Communications Act. Please reject the proposed "pay-to-play" rules and protect real Net Neutrality for all Americans.
—Heather Owen, Champaign, IL

I grew up in the country. I remember before electricity. I KNOW what a difference that utility makes in the quality of life and providing equal access to all. It amazes me how fast the net has become what electricity is. Right now, we have a terrible digital divide. I see how it truly handicaps those who already have handicaps. Let's not make it worse. Please recognize the internet to be what it truly is--a utility important to raising everyone's quality of life and ability to fully participate in civic life. Thank you.
—Mary Ellen Gonzales, Santa Fe, NM

Because... Everything I do on the Internet (and its predecessor of 35 yrs ago), has been at whatever speed my network can manage to wherever I wanted to go. My initial exposure was at a High School guidance office in the late 70s and involved searching for colleges to possibly attend (and playing too many hours of Star Trek). Would an Internet without Net Neutrality directed me to the same schools? When it evolved for general availability in the early 90s, again, whatever speed my network could manage to whatever site I desired. Now, a former Cable executive wants to gut the necessity of Net Neutrality. NO, NO, NO say I !!! Preserve equal access for all. It was a foundation, and should remain so.
—Edward Schuh, Euless, TX

The only way to ensure a free and open Internet is to regulate the ISPs as the common carrier utilities they really are. Stand on the side of the public interest that built the Internet and regulate them now!
—Spencer Hunter, Tucson, AZ

No way should anyone accept corporate control of the internet and the US CONGRESS.
—Daryl Pullen, Boise, ID

Because I'm a Comcast customer I am full well aware of their soulless apathy toward responsible, long term customers, their unbridled greed, and ability to obfuscate what should be simple straight forward agreements. The very idea that that information on the internet might fall victim to these predatory bastards is nauseating, but then I'm old enough to remember when profiting from human suffering was frowned upon, so I'm less than optimistic about any elected official actually serving the interests of their constituents by supporting net neutrality.

—Bernel Bayliss, Mpls, MN

I already pay AT&T more than I should for something as simple as internet access. I also pay out the butt for bills that qualify as a hell of a lot more important: water, electricity, rent. I have to eat. If Net Neutrality - where I go for my source of entertainment as I do not even have cable - ends, and the cable companies in turn bump up their prices, I will have to end my internet service completely. I cannot pay anymore than what AT&T asks for something as simple as high speed internet, especially not to have ~super special access to something that should be granted to EVERY internet user who pays for the luxury of being online: a FAST, WORKING internet connection! You already have the government in your pocket, cable companies. You already have enough say. Don't come near Net Neutrality.

—April Tackett, Birmingham, AL

Net Neutrality is necessary to prevent second class internet users! The great thing about the internet is that we are all truly equal users.

—Jorge Luis Hernandez, Miami Beach, FL

Net neutrality is essential to the quality of information access and must remain intact. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Nicole Smithson, Royal Oak, MI

I am a writer and a researcher. In my work I require unfettered access to information about a huge range of topics. Most of the sites I research are small, academic, and scholarly and would fall firmly into the "can't afford the extra fees" category. I need to continue consulting those sites, and I abhor the idea of being channeled toward commercial, for-profit sites by the major players that can afford to pay fees for the fast lanes. To me it's a no-brainer: service providers must be classified as common carriers.

—Deborah Sizemore, Crowley, TX

Having recently returned from several decades in Europe, I can state unequivocally that the speed, coverage and price of service for internet access (as well as cell phone subscriptions and service) are all inferior in quality in the U.S. to that of the vast majority of countries in Europe. If you want this country to stay competitive, don't mess with its net neutrality.

—Kim McCartney, Santa Rosa, CA

We are in a desperate situation where we are being overwhelmed by great problems threatening the nation and need innovation, participation, and our traditional principles to fall back on. Actual net neutrality has been the basis for the great innovations of the internet but the US has been falling behind as we have been failing to keep up with the internet infrastructure. The US will only fall further behind much faster if we permit faster internet traffic alongside the regular speed. Net neutrality is the basis for the great democratic and participatory potential of the internet. Measures need to be put in place to guarantee that everyone can participate as equal citizens online and not have faster access in the way that our offline political system has been corrupted by big campaign contributors getting faster access to our representatives. Finally, the traditional FCC systems that worked for phone service were adequate to the new era and potential problems of unequal access have emerged only as the FCC has departed from the traditional logic of common carrier. Simply treat the internet like a regulated national resource like phone service-common carrier-and the problems raised by departing from successful regulatory tradition will go away and regulation can return to fine-tuning the unique aspects of the internet.

—Chad Anderson, Randolph, NJ

Keep the internet free! We've had enough of the cable monopolies in this country. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. PLEASE.

—David Bonney, Temple Hills, MD

The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet must stay open and neutral.

—John Andrews, Haiku, HI